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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: Constantin Cope, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/813,806

Filed: March 31, 2004

For: BLOODLESS PERCUTANEOUS
INSERTION SYSTEM

Attorney Docket No: 8627/487 (PA-5391-RFB)

Examiner: Bouchelle, Laura A.

Art Unit: 3763

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
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TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

Attached is/are:

- ☒ RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 27, 2006
☒ Return Receipt Postcard

Fee calculation:

- ☒ No additional fee is required.
☐ Small Entity.
☐ An extension fee in an amount of \$_____ for a _____-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
☐ A petition or surcharge in an amount of \$_____ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e).
☐ An additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

| | | | | | Small Entity | | | Not a Small Entity | |
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| | Claims Remaining After Amendment | | Highest No. Previously Paid For | Present Extra | Rate | Add'l Fee | or | Rate | Add'l Fee |
| Total | 27 | Minus | 28 | 0 | x \$25= | | | x \$50= | |
| Indep. | 3 | Minus | 3 | 0 | x 100= | | | x \$200= | |
| First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim | | | | | +\$180= | | | +\$360= | |
| | | | | | Total | \$ | | Total | \$ |

Fee payment:

- ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the above-identified fee(s) is enclosed.
☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$_____. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.
☐ Payment by credit card in the amount of \$_____ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).
☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Respectfully submitted,

Sept-19, 2006
Date

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MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
The Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 27, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.